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APPLICATION

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SPECIFICATION

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, **MARILYN J. MARSHALL**, a citizen of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have invented a new and useful **LIGHTED AND CONTENT-ORGANIZING CARRYING CASE** of which the following is a specification:

LIGHTED AND CONTENT-ORGANIZING CARRYING CASE

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

10 The present invention relates to a lighted and content-organizing carrying case and more particularly pertains to a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case for illuminating the main compartment and organizing the contents in the carrying case.

Description of the Prior Art

15 The use of a lighted and content-organizing carrying case is known in the prior art. More specifically, a lighted and content-organizing carrying case heretofore devised and utilized are known to consist basically of familiar, expected and obvious structural configurations, notwithstanding the myriad of designs encompassed by the crowded prior art which have been developed for the fulfillment of countless objectives and requirements.

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25 Known prior art includes U.S. Patent No. 5,444,605; U.S. Patent No. Des. 380,087; U.S. Patent No. Des. 315,830; U.S. Patent No. Des. 380,609; U.S. Patent No. Des. 358,706; and U.S. Patent No. 2,218,396.

While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the aforementioned patents do not disclose a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case. The inventive device includes a handbag assembly including a bag having walls, a main compartment and an opening into the main compartment, and also including a side compartment and a cover member being removably closed over the side compartment and a fastening member for closing the cover member over the side compartment, and further including a carrying strap having ends securely attached to the bag, and also including a fastener for closing the opening into the main compartment, and further including a plurality of pockets securely attached to the bag, and also including light-emitting assemblies removably attached to the bag.

In these respects, the lighted and content-organizing carrying case according to the present invention substantially departs from the conventional concepts and designs of the prior art, and in so doing provides an apparatus primarily developed for the purpose of illuminating the main compartment and organizing the contents in the carrying case.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In view of the foregoing disadvantages inherent in the known types of lighted and content-organizing carrying case now present in the prior art, the present invention provides a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case construction wherein the same can be utilized for illuminating the main compartment and organizing the contents in the carrying case.

The general purpose of the present invention, which will be described subsequently in greater detail, is to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which has many of the advantages of the lighted and content-organizing carrying case mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art lighted and content-organizing carrying case, either alone or in any combination thereof.

To attain this, the present invention generally comprises a handbag assembly including a bag having walls, a main compartment and an opening into the main compartment, and also including a side compartment and a cover member being removably closed over the side compartment and a fastening member for closing the cover member over the side compartment, and further including a carrying strap having ends securely attached to the bag, and also including a fastener for closing the opening into the main compartment, and further including a plurality of pockets securely attached to the bag, and also including light-emitting assemblies removably attached to the bag.

There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

In this respect, before explaining at least one embodiment of the invention in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and to the arrangements of the components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the drawings. The invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced and carried out in various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein are for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

As such, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the conception, upon which this disclosure is based, may readily be utilized as a basis for the designing of other structures, methods and systems for carrying out the several purposes of the present invention. It is important, therefore, that the claims be regarded as including such equivalent constructions insofar as they do not depart from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

Further, the purpose of the foregoing abstract is to enable the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally, and especially the scientists, engineers and practitioners in the art who are not familiar with patent or legal terms or phraseology, to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and essence of the technical disclosure of the application. The abstract is neither intended to define the invention of the application, which is measured by the claims, nor is it intended to be limiting as to the scope of the invention in any way.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which has many of the advantages of the lighted and content-organizing carrying

case mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art lighted and content-organizing carrying case, either
5 alone or in any combination thereof.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which may be easily and efficiently manufactured and marketed.

10 It is a further object of the present invention to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which is of a durable and reliable construction.

15 An even further object of the present invention is to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which is susceptible of a low cost of manufacture with regard to both materials and labor, and which accordingly is then susceptible of low prices of sale to the consuming public, thereby making such
20 lighted and content-organizing carrying case economically available to the buying public.

Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which provides
25 in the apparatuses and methods of the prior art some of the advantages thereof, while simultaneously overcoming some of the disadvantages normally associated therewith.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a
30 new lighted and content-organizing carrying case for illuminating the main compartment and organizing the contents in the carrying case.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case which includes a handbag assembly including a bag having walls, a main
5 compartment and an opening into the main compartment, and also including a side compartment and a cover member being removably closed over the side compartment and a fastening member for closing the cover member over the side compartment, and further including a carrying strap having ends securely attached to the bag,
10 and also including a fastener for closing the opening into the main compartment, and further including a plurality of pockets securely attached to the bag, and also including light-emitting assemblies removably attached to the bag.

15 Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case that allows the user to quickly locate the items needed inside the carrying case.

20 Even still another object of the present invention is to provide a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case that is easy and convenient to use.

25 These together with other objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure. For a better understanding of the invention, its operating advantages and the specific objects attained by its uses, reference should be made to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there are illustrated preferred
30 embodiments of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such
5 description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case according to the present invention.

10 Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the bag of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a detailed side elevational view of one of the light-emitting means of the present invention.

15 Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of one of the light-emitting holders of the present invention.

20 Figure 5 is a side elevational view of the bag of the present invention with the cover member being opened to expose the side compartment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

25 With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to Figures 1 through 5 thereof, a new lighted and content-organizing carrying case embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

30 As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 5, the lighted and content-organizing carrying case 10 generally comprises a handbag assembly including a bag 11 having walls 12, a main compartment

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the invention, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form,
5 function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the present invention.

10 Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction
15 and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.